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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, DECEMBER 30

1. NYT - FORMER UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE TOWNSEND HOOPES WRITES ON THE OP-ED PAGE THAT THE CRUISE MISSILE HAS BECOME A MILITARY REQUIREMENT ONLY BECAUSE PRESIDENT FORD HAS NOT REQUIRED "MYOPIC PENTAGON LEADERSHIP" TO EXPLAIN WHY THERE IS ANY NEED TO ADD TO THE EXISTING TRIAD OF AMERICAN STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE POWER (LAND BASED MISSILES, SEA BASED MISSILES, AND BOMBERS). HOOPES CONCLUDES THAT NO OBJECTIVE NEED FOR THE CRUISE MISSILE CAN BE DEMONSTRATED.

2. CSM (PAGE 23) JOSEPH C. HARSCH BELIEVES THAT DETENTE, NOW UNDER ATTACK AS NEVER BEFORE, WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE.

3. NYT (PAGE 2) JOHN FINNEY SAYS FORMER ACDA DIRECTOR, WILLIAM C. FOSTER, IS CONCERNED THAT U.S. NEGOTIATING POSITION IS UNDERMINING PROGRESS ON SALT.

4. WP (PAGE 1) REUTERS REPORTS FROM ANKARA ON SIGNING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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"POLITICAL DOCUMENT ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION"

BETWEEN TURKS AND SOVIETS, STATING THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS
WOULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED. (ALL PAPERS)

5. WP (PAGE 6) LAURENCE STERNE REPORTS FORMER ACDA
CHIEFS WILLIAM C. FOSTER AND GERARD SMITH HAVE CALLED
UPON PRESIDENT FORD TO ISSUE A WHITE PAPER ON VARIOUS
CHARGES INVOLVING SOVIET SALT VIOLATIONS. ROBINSON

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